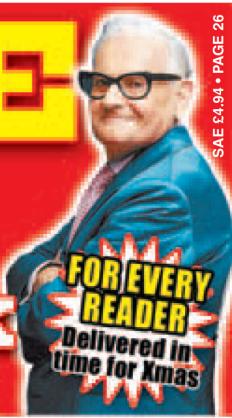


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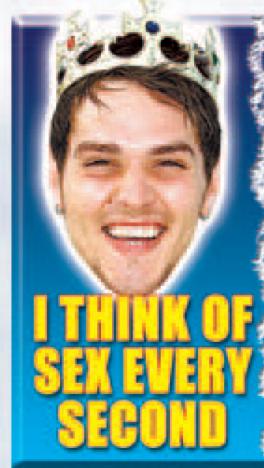
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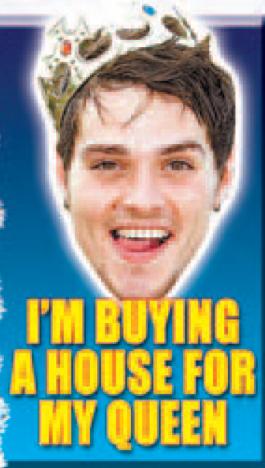
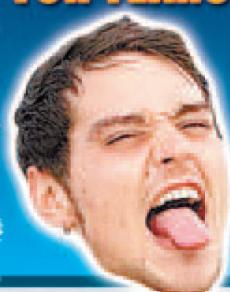
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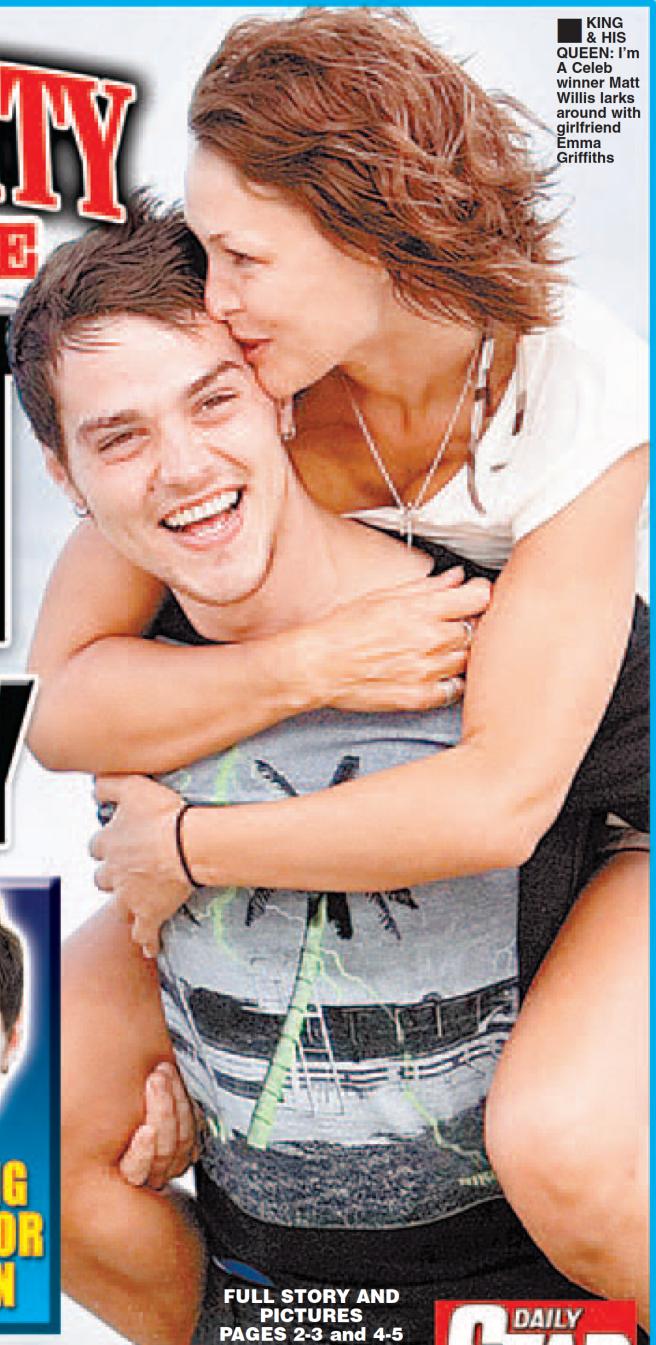


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JUNGLE KING TALKS ONLY TO

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**Lovely fit, Brit!**

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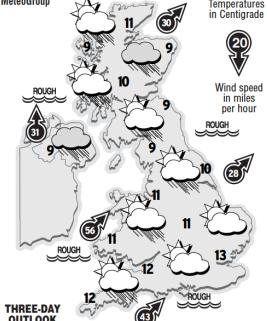
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**INFO STATION**

**TODAY:** Overnight rain in the east will soon clear. That will leave all of the UK with a very windy mixture of sunshine and showers. The worst of the showers will be in the north-west with thunder likely. Severe gales in exposed western areas.

**OUTLOOK:** Staying unsettled through the coming few days with further rain and gales. The winds will also remain rather windy with gales likely in places. Generally mild.

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**THREE-DAY OUTLOOK**

**POUND ABROAD**

Australia	2.36 dollars
Canada	2.14 dollars
Cyprus	0.81 pounds
Czech Republic	38.10 korunas
Mexico	19.79 pesos
South Africa	13.27 rand
Thailand	65.25 baht
Turkey	2.67 new lira
United States	1.87 dollars

**EURO**

Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Holland, Portugal, Spain, Euro 1.41

**ABROAD**

Alicante	cloudy	17c	(63p)	Moscow	fog	6c	(43p)
Corfu	sunny	16c	(61p)	New York	fair	18c	(64p)
Dublin	sunny	10c	(50p)	Nice	sunny	16c	(61p)
Madrid	sunny	19c	(65p)	Rhodes	sunny	19c	(66p)
Miami	fair	27c	(81p)	Tenerife	sunny	24c	(75p)

**SATURDAY LOTTO**

**DECEMBER 2**

**9 11 15 31 42 46 27**

Dream Number: 4-4-0-7-4-2-5, T'Ball 12, 25, 27, 28, 33 (T'9)

**WEDNESDAY LOTTO**

**NOVEMBER 29**

Lotto: 17, 20, 31, 40, 42, 46 Bonus ball 1  
 Two tickets shared the £3m jackpot

Dream Number: 0-1-1-3-3-4, No £500,000 winners  
 T'Ball 7, 15, 20, 29, 32 (T'4) No £250k winners

**EURO LOTTO**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

4, 8, 16, 37, 41 Lucky Star Numbers 2, 5  
 No UK winners of the £10.2m jackpot

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# WHEN KINGS TALK



# FLOSSED

**I brushed my teeth for an hour before Emma would touch me**

## WORLD EXCLUSIVE



**Matt talks to Peter Dyke**

charged. I am not ashamed of it. I said in the jungle that every guy would have sex every day or more if he could.

"But in the bush with the cameras on you, what are you gonna do?"

"It did get to me and I did think about sex and being with Emma."

"I know some of the guys went to the waterfall shower and started washing when Mylene and Faith were in there. But I couldn't do that."

"I am not going to strip off and start perching over the girls in the shower."

"And how could I stand there washing my willy in front of Mylene?"

Matt also revealed he went bright red when David Gest, 53, grilled him and Jason Donovan, 38, over whether they had pleasured themselves in their hammocks.

### Crazy

He said: "I was shocked. I couldn't answer because my mum and dad would be watching."

The star, who has just released his debut solo album *Don't Let It Go To Waste*, says he had hour-long chats with producers in the bush telegraph to stop himself from freaking out.

Matt, who was in rehab after partying too hard when Busted split, said: "For me the bush telegraph was like a free counselling session."

"I'd go in there and spend more than an hour at a time chatting."

"I do get crazy when I am bored. My head gets f\*\*ked up."

"I have the ability to self-destruct and go weird, so it was good to talk with someone."

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He said: "I am now prepared to have the mickey taken out of me for the rest of my life."

"My mates will all be shouting 'Matt eats anus, Matt eats c\*\*k'."

"The penis was all rubbery and horrible and the anus was still hairy. How disgusting was that?"

"But man, I was so starving in there I even ate my bogies."

### Orders

Speaking exclusively to the Daily Star Sunday, Matt said: "Obviously we wanted to catch up on lost time."

"But I was under orders not to go near her unless I'd flossed, brushed, cleansed, disinfected and had loads of mouthwash."

"I can't blame her. That trial was the worst thing I have ever done."

And Emma, 31, giggled: "I am so

proud of him because he's won but I wasn't going anywhere near him in that state."

Cheeky Matt also told us he:

- Thought about sex every second he was in the jungle.
- Used the bush telegraph for private therapy sessions to stop himself going bonkers.
- Managed to send secret love messages to Emma.

The star - who still cannot believe

viewers voted for him to win on

Friday night - said his stint on the show was the longest he and Emma had been apart.

His exit from the jungle coincided with their second anniversary.

So Matt was keen to get MTV girl Emma back to their luxury hotel suite on the Gold Coast.

He said: "I don't mind admitting I think about sex every single second. I am highly sexually

## MY JUNGLE VERDICTS

### DAVID



He's wicked but after what I'd read about him in the papers I thought he'd walk on day one.

### MYLEENE



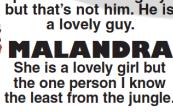
Apart from Emma and my nan, she is by far the best human being I have ever met.

### DEAN



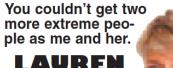
He has mates who run around like dogs with two d\*\*ks and he got

### MALANDRA



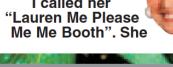
She is a lovely girl but the one person I know the least from the jungle.

### JAN



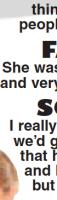
You couldn't get two more extreme people as me and her.

### LAUREN



I called her "Lauren Me Please Me Boothe". She was.

### SCOTT



I really didn't think we'd get along and that he'd be bitchy and back-stabbing but he was great.

### PHINA



I had no idea who she was. She was fiery

### JASON



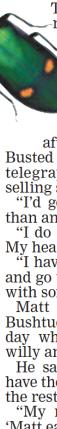
In ten years time if I am anything like he is then I will be a happy guy.

### TOBY



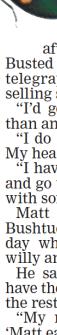
There was a huge void left in the camp when he went. We called him Peter Pan because he didn't want to grow up.

### Faith



I wanted to do everything and puts people's backs up.

### Waste



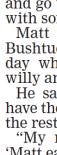
but I liked her and she turned out to be one of the most honest people in there.

### Dee



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# THEY TALK TO THE

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**TASTE TEST:**  
Matt locks lips with girlfriend Emma – but after eating a roo's bum on his last day he was ordered not to go near her until he disinfected his mouth

Pictures: TIM MERRY



## Matt: My love signs secret

**BEAMING** Matt revealed the meaning of his secret hand signals to Emma, which he did every night on the show.

Whenever TV hosts Ant and Dec came into camp to reveal who was doing a trial or who had been evicted, Matt would make a bizarre finger sign.

**He said:** "Me and Emma have this thing where we are out and she's at one side of the room and I'm at the other."

"I put my fingers to my eyes, then down to my heart and then push them out."

"It means I (eye) Love (Heart) You."

"We have always done it. And I

thought it would be sweet to do it on screen so Emma would know I was thinking about her.

"I wanted to let her know I loved her and missed her."

"We've been together for two years and we are very happy."

**Emma** knows how much I love her.

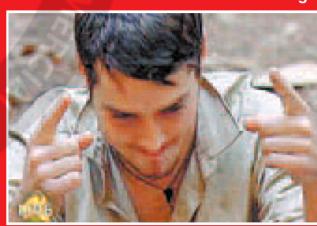
"We have a great relationship."

And he revealed: "We'll be house hunting together soon."

Asked if he had any

regrets, he laughed: "I regret taking hair gel in as my luxury item – that was a bit girly."

"I really wanted to take in HP sauce because then the rice and beans would have tasted better. But that was banned."



LOVE SIGNAL: Matt's messages to Emma

## Kinky in Klass room

SEE PAGES 4-5

## KINKY IN THE



**FAMILY REUNITED:**  
Dean Gaffney and Sarah with their twins Chloe and Charlotte at the post-jungle party

## Myleene puds on the style with a tasty threesome

■ by MARK JEFFERIES and PETER DYKE

**MYLEENE Klass** celebrated the end of her jungle adventure with a kinky threesome with her boyfriend – and a trifle!

The singer and telly star got her just desserts after spending three weeks away from her fella Graham Quinn.

And in an amazing outburst, the jungle queen told the Daily Star Sunday: "I'm going to jump into bed with a big trifle...and Graham."

"He's got my heart and soul and not having him next to me was sooo hard. He's my sanity check."

### Underwear

Sweet-toothed Myleene, 28, who was runner-up to winner Matt Willis, sped off to her posh suite at the Versace hotel and locked herself away with Graham and her room service order for a night of passion.

The former Hear'Say star was dying to get into some new sexy underwear for her man after being forced to wear just three pairs of smalls while she stayed in camp.

A source at the hotel said: "Myleene had lots of beauty and spa products in her room so she could have luxurious baths and massages with her fella. After so long apart it was no surprise to see a Do Not Disturb sign outside their door. They were having a very steamy reunion away from prying eyes.

"She polished off the trifle then set her sights on Graham.

"He's a lucky man – as everyone who watches the show knows.

Now he's back to being the only one who gets to see her in the shower



**HELPING HAND:** For Suzanne and Corey

and there's a lot of viewers who will miss that sight."

When Myleene gets back to Britain, she will be on a new mission – cheering up pal Suzanne Shaw, 25, and her son Corey.

Myleene is a godmother to Corey and after finding out about Suzanne's financial hardship since love rat Darren Day walked out, she has vowed to help.

She is set to cash in on lots of TV and music offers when she gets back to the UK which means she will be in a position to come to Suzanne and Corey's aid.

A source close to Myleene said: "Suzanne is having to pay the mortgage on a £775,000 house by herself after Day declared himself bankrupt. She is trying to work as well as bringing up a child."

### Marriage

"Myleene is Corey's godmother and will make sure she can do whatever she can to help them.

"She does on Corey."

Myleene is also set to finalise her marriage to Graham.

After leaving the jungle on Friday night she told hosts Ant and Dec: "I have had a lot of time to reflect on things. You realise your family are the pinnacle of everything."

"You realise how much you rely on them."

## Dean: I won't rat again

**DEAN** Gaffney has promised his loyal girlfriend that he will never cheat again.

While he was in the jungle, the former EastEnder openly admitted to being a love rat, leading to more heartache for devoted Sarah Burge.

Gorgeous Sarah, 29, mum of his ten-year-old twins Charlotte and Chloe, watched as the actor spilled the beans about the reasons for his bed-hopping past.

But following a long heart-to-heart after leaving the reality show, Dean pledged his future to Sarah and is now looking forward to setting a date for

■ by SUSAN HILL

their wedding. A source close to the star said: "Dean has made quite a few mistakes in the past but Sarah has always stood by him.

"Sarah has been really upset by what he has done – there have been so many girls coming forward to kiss and tell to downmarket newspapers.

"She's really tried to put his cheating past behind them so him bringing it up again during the series really didn't help their relationship.

"They had a bit of a chat when Dean

came out of the jungle and he has convinced her that he would never cheat on her again.

"And he's even promised to finally set a date for their wedding.

### Plush

"Dean said himself that he had gone in a boy and come out a man – now he wants to show he is for real."

As we revealed last month, Gaffney, 28, recently paid cash for a plush new £700,000 family home in Bookham, Surrey.

And the couple are hoping that it will provide them with the fresh start they

need. Dean is also hoping fellow jungle star David Gest will be able to help him crack Hollywood.

The actor, who shot to fame playing Robbie Jackson in the hit BBC1 soap, has always dreamed of making it big in the movies.

The source added: "Dean hasn't had much work since he left Albert Square. He's done a few things here and there but nothing amazing."

"He's had a long chat with David who said he'd try and help him as best he can. David's got a lot of contacts in Los Angeles and could really turn Dean's career around for him."

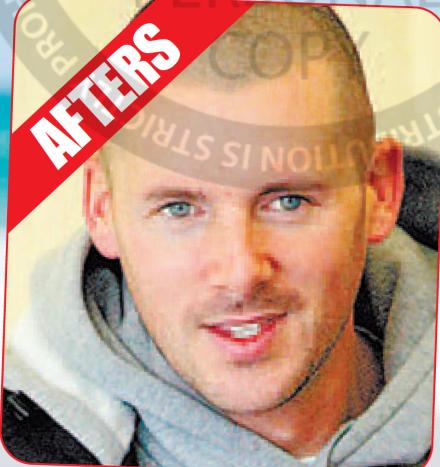
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## KLASS ROOM



PARTY POOPER: David Gest



THREESOME:  
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## GEST'S AN EAGER DIVA

DAVID Gest returned to his old diva ways yesterday as he refused to pose for pictures with the other stars and shunned the end-of-show party.

The 53-year-old showed a jovial side to his personality in camp by laughing and joking and joining in with tasks.

But once he got back to his minders and helpers at the posh Versace hotel, he returned to his old ways.

A show source said: "David was up to

by PETER DYKE in the JUNGLE

his old tricks demanding this and that. He wasn't happy about being with the other celebs on the final show and wouldn't be pictured with them.

"Then, when all the others met up at the end-of-show party, he simply didn't turn up.

"He was acting up just like before he went in the jungle when he refused to do

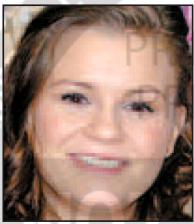
a press conference." The rest of the celebs, including hosts Ant and Dec, were at the party at Kirra Beach along with the 500 cast and crew that make the ITV show.

But we can reveal that Phina Oruete, 37, also had a diva strop and failed to turn up for the final ITV show – because of a giant cold sore.

She was said to be devastated to wake up with the "football-size" sore.



DOWN IN THE MOUTH: Phina



**THRILLED: Kerry Katona  
It's girl  
No.3 for  
Kerry**

**SINGER** Kerry Katona is expecting a third daughter. And she'll be called Maggie May after the song by Rod Stewart – because her fiancé Mark Croft, 35, is a huge fan of the veteran rocker.

Kerry, 26, who has two girls by ex-husband Brian McFadden, is due to give birth on April 1.

She had been hoping for a boy this time and could hardly wait to be told the sex of the unborn baby.

But now she knows it's a girl she's just as thrilled, according to pals.

#### **Healthy**

One source close to the former Atomic Kitten star said: "Kerry really wanted a little boy but now all she wants is for her little girl to be born healthy."

"It's not been the easiest of pregnancies as she's had so many worries."

"But, now, she's just so excited about the birth and bringing her third child into the world."

"Mark is a huge fan of Rod Stewart."

"So, when it came to names, Kerry was happy to go along with his choice of Maggie May."

**TESTS** are to start in the UK of a new gene therapy treatment for cystic fibrosis which could transform the lives of patients. It could offer hope to Chancellor Gordon Brown and his wife whose baby has been diagnosed with the condition.

## **Home off the range**

YOUNG families are finding it harder than ever to get a foothold on the property ladder.

The average British home now costs 4.3 times the household earnings for young working families.

A report by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation published yesterday revealed that London and the South-East are the parts of Britain with the least affordable properties.

Housing Minister Yvette Cooper said: "Some people are still opposing more house building."

"And yet, unless we build more and better homes, we will never tackle affordability problems for this generation and the next."

#### **SPIKING PROBE**

POLICE are investigating after two women collapsed at an Eastbourne party claiming drinks were spiked with a "date-rape" drug.



Pictures: AP

**MAULED:** Zak on a stretcher, left, and a Great White, which is common in Oz

## **SHARK HORROR**

**A SHARK** ripped off the leg of a 15-year-old boy as he swam with pals near a sun-kissed beach in Australia.

Zak Golebiowski was attacked about 40 metres offshore.

The shark tore off his right leg below the knee and left his left leg badly mauled.

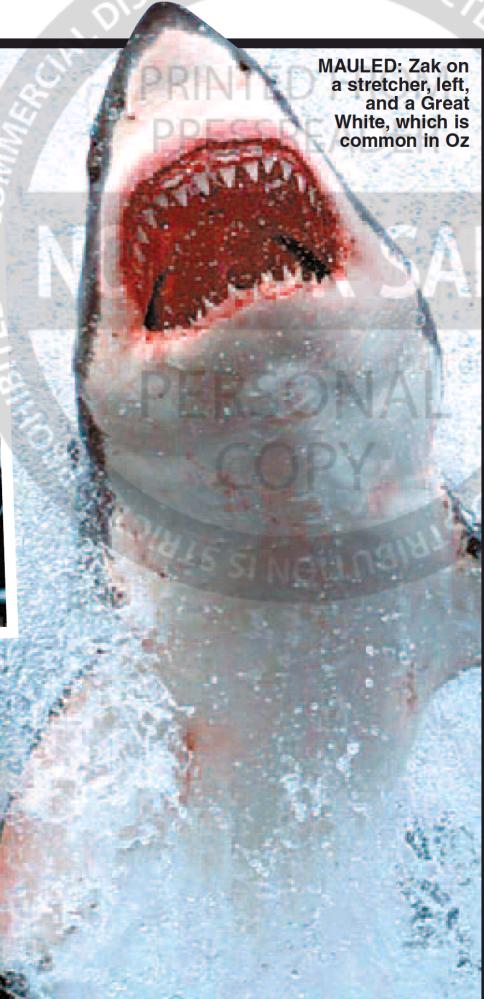
Police said the boy survived because of the swift actions by sunbathers who stemmed the loss of blood.

Last night he was in a stable condition in hospital after the attack at Wharton Beach, near Esperance, on the south-west coast of Western Australia.

The country witnessed a series of shark

attacks earlier this year. A scuba diver off the Western Australian city of Perth survived an attack by a great white shark in January after fighting it off with his spear gun and then his hands.

A 21-year-old woman died during the same month after having her arms bitten off in an attack by three sharks while swimming off an island on Australia's north-east coast. Experts say there are an average of 15 shark attacks a year in Australian waters — one of the highest rates in the world.



## **Final picture of bloodbath mum**



**29/11/06**

**LAST SIGHTING:** Laila on the No 85 bus

**THIS is the last journey of tragic Laila Rezk, caught on a bus CCTV camera just over an hour before she was found beaten to death.**

It's believed a fellow passenger followed the mum-of-two from her stop to her home before bludgeoning her in her own kitchen.

Police hunting 51-year-old Laila's cold-blooded killer released the haunting camera image last night in a bid to jog the memory of potential witnesses on the No. 85 bus or near the bus stop.

Laila was found lying in a pool of blood at her home in Kingston Vale, south-west London, by her devastated son Tamer, 20, and daughter Dina, 22, at 9pm on Wednesday.

She was pronounced dead in hospital the following day.

A post-mortem has revealed she died from severe head injuries.

Brunette Laila – wearing a full-length, dark brown leather coat and dark boots – caught the bus near Putney rail station at 7.20pm.

She got off at the Robin Hood roundabout in Kingston Vale at about 7.40pm.

Police have discovered no signs of forced entry to her home and think she must have opened the door to her attacker.

There was no evidence of a struggle. Describing the attack as "violent and nasty",

**by JENNIFER BRADLY**

Detective Superintendent Richard Heselden, who is leading the murder inquiry, said his team were desperate to catch the killer.

Of the camera image, he said: "This is the last known sighting we have of Laila."

"We are appealing to anyone who was on the No. 85 bus and saw Laila to contact police so that we can piece together her movements."

"We are keeping an open mind as to the motive for this attack but, at this time, we cannot rule out that it was sexual."

#### **Bedsides**

He added: "I would also like to reassure the local community that this type of incident is extremely rare."

Dina's boyfriend, who has first-aid experience, frantically tried to resuscitate Laila after she was found in the kitchen. She was then rushed to hospital by ambulance.

Her husband Maurice, 59, who had been in Egypt on business at the time of the attack, returned home immediately and was at her bedside when she died.

Police were today continuing house-to-house inquiries.

An inquest will be opened and adjourned next week.



**FEARS:** Mario Scaramella

## **Expert is 'well'**

**AN** Italian security expert was given the all clear last night after being rushed to hospital over fears he had radiation poisoning.

Mario Scaramella, 36, was admitted after tests showed he had been exposed to polonium-210, like former Russian spy Alexander Litvinenko who died ten days ago.

But more tests at London's University College Hospital found there was "no evidence of radiation toxicity". Staff said he was "on the mend".

Scaramella had dined with Litvinenko, 44, at a Japanese restaurant in London.

Yesterday's Arsenal v Tottenham match at the Emirates Stadium was rumoured to have come close to being called off just before kick-off over contamination fears.



DROWNED: Mr Lubbock

## Bazza in pool probe

DETECTIVES last night revealed they are launching a new inquiry into the death of the man found in Michael Barrymore's pool.

Stuart Lubbock, 31, drowned at a party at the star's Essex mansion in March 2001.

A lengthy investigation was carried out by Essex Police but no one was charged in relation to Mr Lubbock's death.

Barrymore, 54, accepted an official caution for drugs offences following the inquiry.

### Review

A coroner recorded an open verdict following an inquest in September 2002.

Mr Lubbock, of Harlow, Essex, suffered severe internal injuries, which Barrymore maintains happened later at hospital.

Alcohol plus ecstasy and cocaine were found in the dead man's blood.

The Lubbock family last night welcomed the news.

Mr Lubbock's brother, Kevin, said: "I am pleased. It's what my father Terry wanted all along."

Police said their decision followed a review of the initial inquiry.

A spokesman for Essex Police would not say whether detectives would re-interview Barrymore.

## Beating for a fan

THE man who "confessed" to a brutal attack that Liverpool fan Michael Shields was jailed for has been savagely beaten.

Graham Sankey, 20, was treated in hospital after being attacked in a Liverpool pub.

A witness said: "About six men came in wearing masks and singled Sankey out and gave him a hiding."

Sankey refused to make a formal police complaint.

Shields, 20, was convicted of the attempted murder of a barman in Bulgaria after Liverpool's Champions League win in Istanbul in 2005.

He is now serving his ten-year jail sentence in Wigan, Lancs.

Sankey wrote a confession but it was deemed inadmissible at Shields' trial.

## A REAL SHED LOAD

A BOATSHED with a guide price of £250,000 is to be auctioned off at the exclusive yachting resort of Salcombe, Devon.

## Star's message to stabbed ex team-mate:

# COME BACK SOON, RONNIE

Pictures: LANDMARK MEDIA / BARCROFT MEDIA



STABBED: Wallwork in action for West Brom and, below, the Manchester nightclub

■ by JONATHAN CORKE and VAZ SAYED

DAVID BECKHAM last night led the messages of support for stabbed footie star Ronnie Wallwork – as police continued to hunt his attacker.

And Becks' best wishes seemed to be doing some good, as battler Wallwork recovered from a nine-hour operation to tell his family he is determined to get back on the pitch "as soon as I can".

Becks, 31, who played alongside Wallwork at Manchester United, was said to be "deeply shocked" at last Thursday's savage knife attack on his old team-mate.

His agent Simon Oliveira said: "David's support is with him – and he'll be in contact with Ronnie to pass on his thoughts."

The Real Madrid star's dad Ted Beckham, 54, said: "David's just as shocked as everyone else. I've met Ronnie several times and he's such a nice lad."

### Party

"He's not flash, he's just a down-to-earth, nice person. I just hope everything's OK and he gets back to playing football."

Yesterday the West Bromwich Albion star – who was knifed seven times during the frenzied attack at a VIP party in Manchester's Sugar Lounge – was still in a stable condition in hospital.

Wallwork, 29, underwent the surgery yesterday to save one of his hands and repair damage to his stomach.

According to his dad Ronald, the operation was predicted to last four hours but took longer because of complications with one of Ronnie's hands. "It was very badly cut up and there were complications," he said.



PALS: Becks played with Ronnie at United

"But he came round about 2pm and was talking."

"We'll have to wait to see how much feeling and movement he's going to get back into his hand – but there is no reason to think he won't play football again."

A close pal of the £10,000-a-week star said: "Ronnie's still in shock about what happened but says he wants to get back to football as soon as he can. He's a tough cookie."

Hundreds of well-wishers, including team-mates, have sent messages and flowers.

### Knifed

And Ronnie's girlfriend, who has been in hiding due to fears she might be targeted, was also at his hospital bedside yesterday.

A friend said: "She's in total shock about what happened. Ronnie is one of the nicest guys you could wish to meet."

Detectives believe Ronnie's attacker was a former boyfriend, still besotted with her.

Witnesses said he casually strolled over to the tough-tackling defender – currently on loan at Championship side Barnsley – and knifed him as he queued for a drink.

One said: "Ronnie and his girlfriend had been inside very long when this guy caught sight of him, came over and stabbed him six or seven times. Ronnie tried to fight back. But there had been no argument."

"The guy seemed to know Ronnie would be there. Then he ran out of the back fire exit. It all happened in just a few seconds."

Yesterday police stepped up their efforts to trace the knifeman and were studying CCTV footage from the nightspot.





WE'RE TOPS FOR **REALITY TELLY**



**BROTHERS GRIN:** Brian, left, and Craig

**■** THE MacDonald Brothers have revealed how they only realised they could sing properly before rehearsals – for last night's show! Brian and Craig have been abused by Simon Cowell for weeks and say they had started to doubt their own ability.

**■** But a trip last week to work on their potential winner's single, *A Moment Like This*, has given them renewed confidence.

Craig, 20, said: "When you listen back to it, it just makes you realise how good you are.

**■** "You listen to all these albums by these artists but our voices are better than some of them. It made us think, 'We can do this, we can go on and achieve'."

**■** Brian, also 20, said: "It is sounding better every time we go back and listen to it."

The pair, from Ayrshire, also admit they can't wait to go on the *X Factor* tour – for the girl fans.

Craig said: "On the tour it will be amazing and magic to meet the girls."

# FIND ME

## Ben's plea to



■ by MARK JEFFERIES, TV EDITOR

Ben told us: "I am young free and single now. I should have a *Lonely Hearts* ad running at the back of the papers."

### Texting

What would it say? He reckons: "Patient, understanding girl required. Must be willing to meet once a month and watch TV on Saturdays. Must also be a voter with at least phone and quick texting skills."

Who knows? That could be one of you

reading his plea right now! Ben is still smarting over Anna, who also put glue in his front door keyhole when he started dating her pal Siobhan.

But he insists: "Me and Siobhan weren't really together in the first place. It wasn't serious."

"The stuff with me and Siobhan definitely affected my *X Factor* performance last week, though. And I was also finishing the court case with Anna."

Anna just decided to empty tuna fish into the piano I've had for years.

"And that wasn't the end of it. She poured bleach all over my clothes. We're talking T-shirts, suits, socks and even underwear... everything."

"I'm looking forward to moving on from all that now. I can tell you. As far as me and Siobhan go, we are just friends."

Ben's love life hasn't been the only controversy since he went on the *ITV1* show. It's been claimed he considered quitting because the winner's song is for a female vocal and would better suit his rival Leona Lewis.

### Track

While he rubbishes the rumours that he would walk, he admits he was concerned about the track, Kelly Clarkson's *A Moment Like This*.

Ben said: "When I heard what the winner was going to record I did have my reservations and I voiced them."

"But, once I went into the studio and heard it was being turned into a version I could do, I loved it. The song is fair for everyone now."

Ben's priority now is to use the show to kick-start his career and make sure he does not have to return to touring in cover bands.

He said: "I don't want to go back to putting up marquees."

"There is no record company knocking on my door at the moment. Obviously it would be great if there was."

"I have written my own songs and I hope they will get released one day."



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**■** SEXY Leona Lewis was born to belt out the hits – she was a singing sensation even before she could talk.

Stunning Leona, 21, said: "My dad says he remembers me on the back seat of the car, before I could even speak, singing along to the radio."

"I obviously didn't know what I was saying but I was singing and making noises to music even as a baby."

She now hopes a chart career will pay back dad Joe, 45, and mum Marie, 42.

Londoner Leona said: "They have been to every gig I have ever done. They have been amazing."

WE'RE TOPS FOR **REALITY TELLY**

# ALOVER!

## LONELY HEARTS



**Long-haired rocker seeks...**  
patient, understanding girl. Must  
have GSOH (have you seen my hair)  
and must hate tuna.



BB BIG BRUV: Jermaine

### A Jerm warfare

■ CELEBRITY Big Brother bosses have signed Michael Jackson's outspoken big brother Jermaine. Producers hope the 51-year-old opponent of the Iraq war will reveal lots of family secrets about the wacky pop singer.

■ Jermaine has been an avid supporter of his younger brother since he was accused and cleared of child molestation charges. Producers flew out to Jermaine's home in Dubai, near where Jackie now lives.

■ Jermaine, who converted to Islam in 1989, sees BB as a way to publicise his solo album I'm Back.

A show insider said: "Jermaine is going to be a great guest.

■ "His outspoken views on politics and religion could be a huge bonus."

Jermaine has been married three times and has eight children by four different women.

■ Other stars tipped for BB next month are Girls Aloud's Sarah Harding, David Hasselhoff and Starsky and Hutch star Paul Michael Glaser.

### Loony meals

■ GORDON Ramsay brands a Liverpool restaurant that's £100,000 in debt as a "lunatic asylum" this week – and tells the Scouse owner to "calm down...calm down".

■ The owner of Morgan's, Sandy Morgan, transformed her antique shop into an eatery to attract footballers' WAGS and "ladies who lunch" – with her daughters Helen and Laura.

■ But Ramsay is left stunned when he learns she buys ingredients from the local supermarket and there's also an issue with chef Phil and his "mash with apricots".

■ Ramsay says: "Mr f\*\*king chipmunk (the chef) is pissed off. Welcome to the f\*\*king lunatic asylum." The restaurant is now making more than £6,000 a week as a magnet for local celebs.

● Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares, Channel 4, Tuesday, at 9pm.

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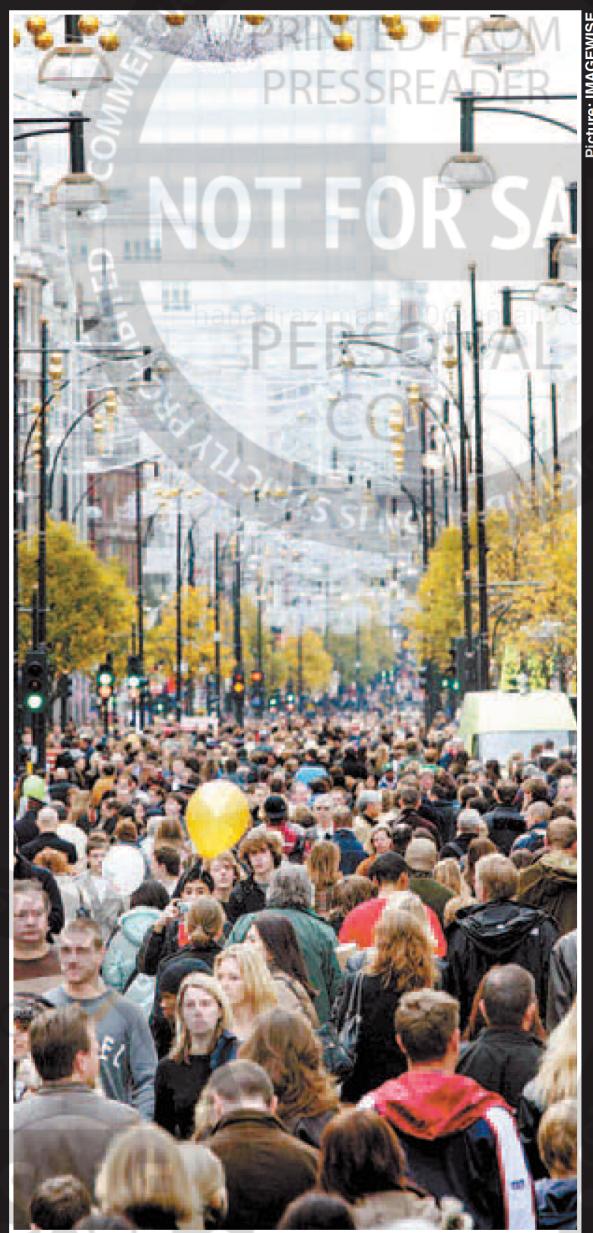
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LOOK NO CARS: Crowds in London's Oxford Street yesterday

# BUY WAY TO A BARGAIN

■ SHOPPERS flooded into the heart of London's West End yesterday for the first traffic-free day in its history.

And bargain-hunting Brits were also out in force in New York after jetting in to take advantage of the "two dollar pound".

■ In London, cars and buses were banned from the main shopping areas in Oxford Street and Regent Street for what was dubbed West End VIP Day – for Very Important Pedestrians. Stores reported record trade after laying on free beauty makeovers, goodie bags and entertainers.

■ Shopping malls across Britain, including Kent's Bluewater, Meadowhall in Sheffield and the Metro Centre in Gateshead were also packed.

■ Meanwhile, Brits heading to New York were warned they face prosecution if they fail to declare purchases on their return to the UK.

With the exchange rate standing at nearly two dollars to the pound, officials advised shoppers duty has to be paid on goods worth more than £145.

■ A spokesman for HM Revenue and Customs said: "We would encourage people to check what the rules are before they fly".

■ Virgin Atlantic said passenger numbers to New York were up by 20% on last year, while BA has laid on four extra flights to the US this week.

# Paul Ross

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NOT FOR SALE

**POST-PUB** car-crash telly is back with a terrifying bang, courtesy of Russell Brand's new bag of shite show. It's on C4 on Friday nights and is, I'm delighted to report, a truly stinkin' dollop of televisual doggie doo. You really owe it to yourself to watch it at least once – half-cut, of course – to fully appreciate its buttock-clenching, scrotum-tightening awfulness. The loon is obviously unproduceable and about 4% as funny as he thinks he is. While he didn't make a bad job of his short set at the recent Secret Policeman's Ball and was fine on his Big Brother spin-off show, he's really only been given this (sort of) talk show because he's a former junkie and a shag monster – which means he's in the papers a lot.

But just because he's big with the media, it doesn't mean anyone in the real world gives a toss about him. The viewing figures demonstrate that.

Surely someone at Channel 4 should have spotted that this chap isn't a chat show host because he simply doesn't listen. In fact, he is to the art of conversation what Gary Glitter is to babysitting. So it'd be a shame if what might be a genuine quirky talent is practically smothered at birth by a combination of ego and over-exposure.

## GIVE IT GREG

**MICHAEL** Grade delivered a spectacular kick to the BBC's goolies last week when he upped sticks and headed off to ITV. So the Beeb is now looking for a new chairman, and I've got a suggestion for 'em. Why not simply re-hire an old boss?

Greg Dyke, inset, was a real breath of fresh air at the Corporation, re-building morale after the grey Birt years and dragging the BBC kicking and screaming into the 21st Century. Then he was sabotaged by the governors over the Dr David Kelly fiasco.

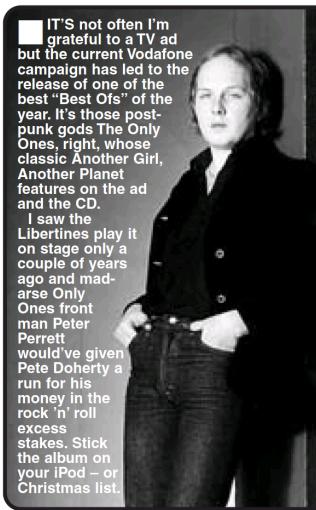
Greg offered his resignation and they should have shown solidarity with him and turned it down.

Instead they caved in to pressure from the Government. Greg would hit the ground running and eat Gordon Brown for breakfast.

Give him the gig.



# Party poopers



Picture: REDFERN

IT'S not often I'm grateful to a TV ad but the current Vodafone campaign has led to the release of one of the best "Best Of"s of the year. It's those post-punk gods The Only Ones, right, whose classic Another Girl, Another Planet features on the ad and the CD.

I saw the Libertines play on stage only a couple of years ago and mad-asse Only Ones front man Peter Perrett would've given Pete Doherty a run for his money in the rock 'n' roll excess stakes. Stick the album on your iPod – or Christmas list.



**T**HE no-nuts nannies involved in some no-mark Government organisation called ACAS are threatening to call time on the traditional Christmas office knees-up. They reckon bosses might face legal action if they don't ensure boozed-up staff get home safely and they also recommend parties finish while public transport is still running.

Then there's the gentle reminder not to try and sell raffle tickets to Islam employees, as Islam doesn't do gambling, and not to offer meat or alcohol as prizes. (Although surely you'd need to buy a ticket to win a prize?)

Plus, there should be a thorough risk assessment carried out before any decorations are put up and ones

that are safe shouldn't refer to baby Jesus, wise men, or religion.

There's also a call for a "mix of music" so you won't end up facing charges of ageism or even racist discrimination.

So, the ideal ACAS "do" would kick off at 6.30pm and be done and dusted by 8, during which time the disco would feature a bit of gangsta rap, bhangra, a bit of Chas

**ACADEMIC** confirmation for what many of us blokes have suspected for some time. Over the course of a lifetime, women speak three times as much as men. Two thoughts. First, my mum said that men only listen about a third of the time (less when there's footie on the telly). And second, isn't it ironic that it took female prof Dr Louann Brizendine a whole book to make her point?

& Dave, a spot of Dame Vera Lynn, some death metal and two alcohol-free beers.

And the top prize at the raffle (although I've never been to a Crimbo office bash where there's been a raffle, have you?) would be a handy book on Health and Safety in the Workplace.

What planet do the arseholes at ACAS live on? They're a quango, which means an unelected body, so what the hell are they doing sticking their snouts into private bashes?

They'd have been better off investigating what goes on at Government bashes.

Remember Prezza hoisting Civil Service slapper Tracey Temple up in the air at a Christmas do?

That was a health and safety nightmare waiting to happen.

Just think, lifting that lard butt could have put his back out, picking her up could constitute sexual harassment and as he only gave a lift to a white woman he's probably guilty of racism and homophobia.

Oh, and the fact they're both such porkers is a real insult to Muslims.

# Emma's hoping for a baby Spice



DANCE RIVAL: Carol Smillie

EMMA Bunton was dancing for joy last night after being told she might soon have her own Baby Spice.

The 30-year-old former Spice Girl – arch rival of Carol Smillie on BBC's Strictly Come Dancing – has a womb condition that makes it difficult for her to conceive.

But she revealed: "My doctors seem to think it's easing off which makes it more hopeful for me to have children. I'm such a family-orientated person and that's

■ by JENNIFER BRADLY

definitely what I want!" Emma and boyfriend Jade Jones, 26, haven't planned a wedding yet. But she said: "I'm sure it will be in the pipeline." She was once linked with Prince William – "I still get a Christmas card from him and think 'Wow!'" she added.



IN A WHIRL:  
Emma on telly's  
Strictly Come  
Dancing contest

## Offers of the week



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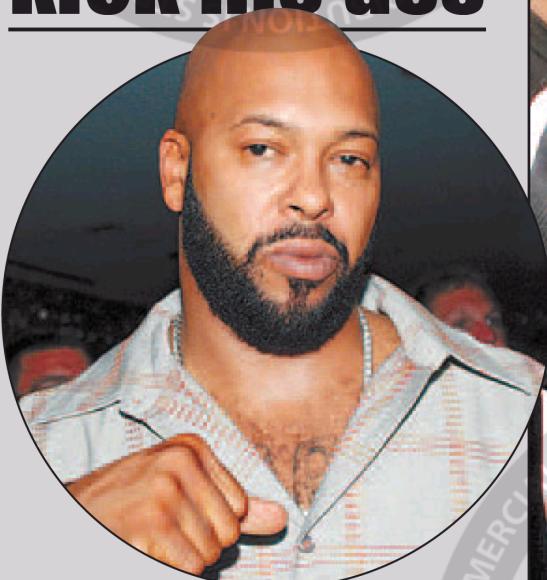
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# SNITCH DOGG

## Rapper is a grass so we'll kick his ass



RAT ATTACK: Suge Knight claims Snoop is an informer

**RAPPER** Snoop Dogg fears for his life after he was branded a police grass by a bitter rival.

The star is terrified he will be targeted by gang members after he was outed by notorious record boss Suge Knight.

Knight – the ex-convict founder of Death Row Records – claimed that Snoop is a "rat".

He said the only reason why Snoop, who has been arrested several times in recent months, is not in jail is because he tips off police.

Insiders believe that Knight's comments could spark a bloody full-scale war between rival gun-toting hip-hop factions on the streets of Los Angeles.

A source said last night: "Being called a rat is the worst insult imaginable."

"If this is true then Snoop has every reason to be worried."

"He could become the target of an attack."

"There's been a long-standing rivalry between the two men."

"This could really make things spill over into violence and prove to be a very bloody time on the streets of LA."

Snoop has been linked with infamous LA street gang the Crips.

He supported its co-founder Stanley "Tookie" Williams' failed bid to avoid the death penalty for

■ by MICHAEL BOOKER

murder last year. Knight is believed to have links with their fierce gang rivals called the Bloods.

Knight said: "Snoop is a rat. He's a police informer."

"This is the only guy who never goes to jail no matter what. I don't like rats."

Knight added: "I don't have to go around and convince people I'm tough."

"The only being I fear is God. Snoop has never been in a real fight."

"When there's trouble, he runs to the police. He throws up and starts crying."

Snoop, real name Calvin Broadus, was arrested last Tuesday after he taped an appearance on Jay Leno's US television chat show.

### Deadly

Police who pulled over his car in LA allege they found cocaine, marijuana and a gun.

He later posted £30,200 bail and walked free.

On November 2, Snoop was arrested at the airport in Santa Ana, California, and charged with possession of a deadly weapon.

And on October 26, he was picked up at the Burbank airport allegedly with a gun and a controlled substance.

Earlier this month Snoop, 35, claimed that 6ft 4in Knight threat-



Pictures: AP/WIREIMAGE

■ SCARED: Knight's claim has got rapper Snoop terrified he'll become a target of street gangs

ened to have him killed from his jail cell when the label boss was serving five years for violating his parole on earlier assault charges.

And in the latest issue of Rolling Stone magazine Snoop said of Knight: "I stepped to him [four years ago] at the BET Awards with my n\*\*\*ers, and he was more scared than a mother\*\*\*\*\*."

"I was afraid I was gonna have to kill him."

Knight, 41, was a pal of rapper Tupac Shakur, killed in a drive-by shooting in 1996.

When Shakur's New York-based rival The Notorious B.I.G. was killed in 1997, rumours spread Knight was involved and the killing was revenge.

Both murders remain unsolved.



KILLED: Rap star Tupac Shakur

## Blasts kill 43

THREE car bombs killed 43 people and wounded at least 91 in Iraq yesterday.

The blasts in Baghdad near a Shi'ite area packed with shoppers were the latest blow in the nation's escalating civil war.

Screaming locals blamed Sunni insurgents, saying they were hitting back after US and Iraqi troops raided a Sunni stronghold.

### Carnage

A witness saw huge blasts going off, sending black smoke billowing through the narrow lanes amid a scene of carnage.

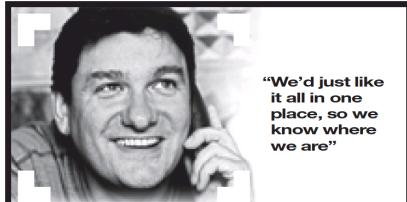
A pick-up truck piled high with bodies drove from the scene.

Civilian deaths have rocketed 44% this month but US President George Bush still denies the bloodshed in Iraq is a civil war.

An independent report is expected this week to call for troop reductions in Iraq and talks with Syria and Iran.

### FIESTA FETISH

A LAD of 14 with a fetish for Ford Fiestas has been arrested and quizzed by police after ten were nicked in Oxford in a single week.



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# SACK SANTA!

## Church groups demand a ban



**KILLJOY** Christian groups across Europe are clamouring to get Santa Claus **BANNED** from Christmas.

The Ban Santa campaign kicked off in Germany and Austria last week, when the cuddly kiddies' favourite was outlawed from traditional Christmas markets.

The anti-Santa campaigners complain that Father Christmas was hijacked by Coca-Cola in the 1930s and now detracts from the true Christian message of the festive season.

And Christian groups in the UK have been inspired by the huge popularity of the campaign to push for images of the infant Christ to be brought back into celebrations over here.

Last week, Vienna City Hall made market traders tear down their Father Christmas banners and models from the city's world-famous Christmas market.

A Vienna city hall spokesman confirmed: "There are rules governing what stallholders can do and one of them is to agree not to use the image of Santa as a condition of being able to trade there. People who want to see him should go to America."

Now the move in Vienna has been followed by Christmas markets right across Europe.

Thousands of stickers have also been printed declaring whole areas as "Santa Free Zones".

Bettina Schade, from the Frankfurter Nicholas Initiative, in Germany, said: "We object to the material things, the hectic rush to buy gifts and the ubiquity of the bearded man in the red suit – they are all taking away from the core meaning of Christmas."

"The Christian origins of Christmas, like the birth of Jesus, have receded into the background. It's becoming more and more a festival that is reduced to worldly gifts and commerce."

In England, campaign group Put Christ Back Into Christmas sold out of its initial batch of 1,500 car stickers within days of putting them

■ by ANDY LEA

up for sale on the internet. And Patrick Carr of the Kent-based campaign group, said half of a second pre-ordered batch has already been allocated to angry Christians.

He added: "There has been a steady erosion of the Christian message of Christmas by many local authorities and public bodies over the last few years.

"It is becoming increasingly difficult to buy Christmas cards with a religious theme on the high street and even the Royal Mail stamps this year have a secular theme rather than a religious one."

Even the Church of England is fuming with the Royal Mail for having images of

Santa on this year's stamps instead of traditional nativity scenes.

### Mail

A C of E spokesman said: "In 2004, the Church of England's General Synod approved a motion for Royal Mail to issue Christmas stamps with Christian themes every year. We regret that Royal Mail has decided against continuing last year's welcome return to Christian-themed designs which reminded people of the true meaning of Christmas."

Although Coca-Cola didn't create Santa Claus, Swedish-American artist Haddon Sundblom created the jolly, bearded Santa for Coke based on various characters, including a St Nicholas figure originally drawn in the 19th Century.

Early versions of the modern-day Santa were used in Coke's advertising campaigns in the 1930s and 1940s.

But for the anti-Santa movement, Santa Claus is a poor reflection of the original St Nicholas – who is believed to have been a 4th Century bishop in Myra, in what is now Turkey.

He had a reputation for generosity and kindness, which gave rise to legends of miracles that he performed for the poor and unhappy.

## Christmas meaning is now lost

UN-REAL THING: Critics say Coke has hijacked Santa

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ANGRY: Molly Campbell

## Molly's dad in appeal

THE father of tug-of-love schoolgirl Molly Campbell yesterday launched an appeal to keep his daughter in Pakistan.

Sajad Rana, 45, is fighting a judge's ruling that Molly, 12, also known as Misbah – should be handed over to the British High Commission in Islamabad by Wednesday.

The businessman lodged his appeal at the Supreme Court in a bid to prevent Molly from being returned to her mother in the UK.

He hopes the judge's order will be suspended and that Misbah will be able to stay with him until a full appeal is heard.

### Fled

He said yesterday: "I have to fight to the end for my daughter. This is what she wants me to do."

Molly, who fled her mother's home in Lewis in the Western Isles of Scotland in August, said she was "upset and angry" at the ruling.

She added: "I don't want to go back to that horrible place."

"I'm going to be all over the headlines again when I get home because I'm just going to run away again."

"I don't want to live there. I want to stay with my family in Pakistan."

## Stabbed dad plea

THE family of a 31-year-old man stabbed to death in his own village have urged people not to take the law into their own hands.

Father-of-two Paul Adams, 31, of Partington, Manchester, died in hospital after the Friday night attack.

Police were yesterday questioning a 21-year-old local man.

Last night, Paul's family said: "He adored his 11-year-old girl and baby boy. "He was well known and respected by people in the area.

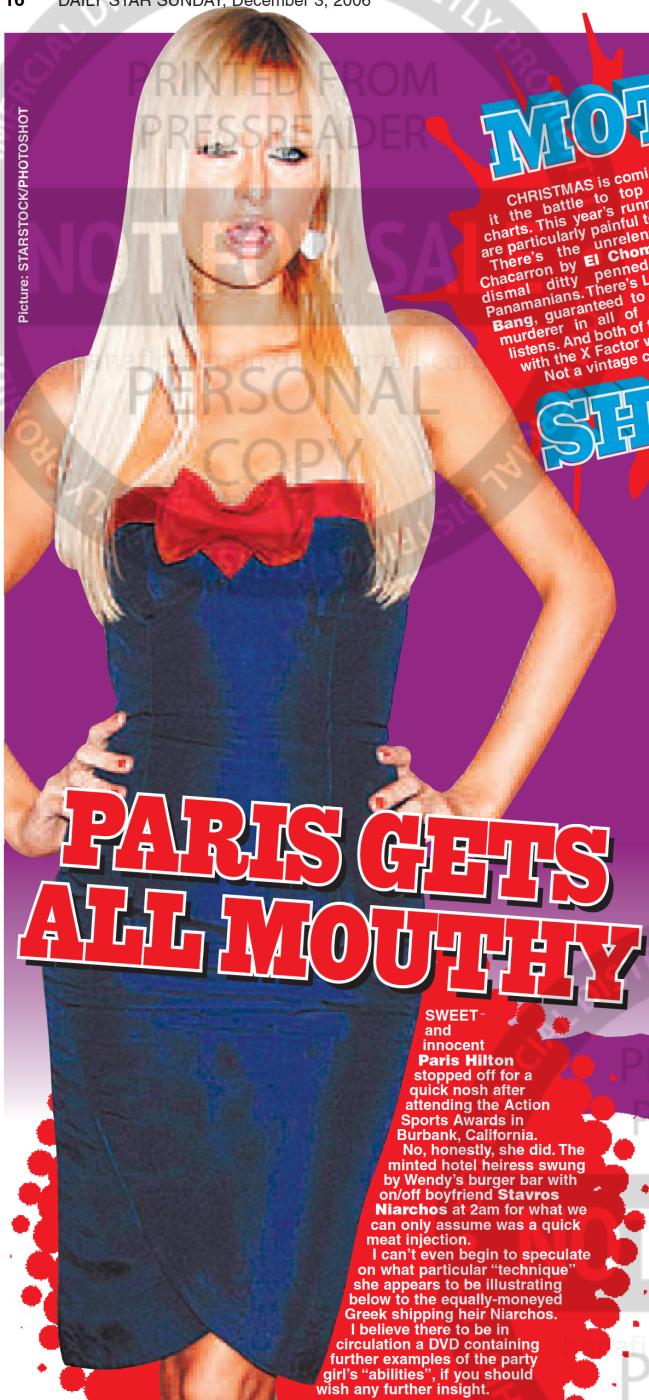
"We'd urge anyone who has information about what happened to him to contact the police."

"We do not want anyone to take the law into their own hands."

"This village is too small for retribution."

## HIGH LITTLE PONY

FARMER Paul Collins watched amazed as a tornado lashed his three ponies 12 feet off the ground in Boarhunt, Hants.



## PARIS GETS ALL MOUTHEY

SWEET and innocent Paris Hilton stopped off for a quick nosh after attending the Action Sports Awards in Burbank, California. No, honestly, she did. The minted hotel heiress swung by Wendy's burger bar with on/off boyfriend **Stavros Niarchos** at 2am for what we can only assume was a quick meat injection. I can't even begin to speculate on what particular "technique" she appears to be illustrating below to the equally-moneyed Greek shipping heir Niarchos. I believe there to be in circulation a DVD containing further examples of the party girl's "abilities", if you should wish any further insight.



Picture: X17

**LAST week** Charlotte Church announced she was giving up music.

Her absolute stinker of a pop album, *Tissues And Issues*, miserably failed to match the dizzying sales of her classical efforts so she's packing it all in.

And good on her.

### Faded

Charlotte, right, realised her cards were marked, her time was up and has done the decent thing and bowed out of the music business with dignity before she became ridiculous.

But why is it that so few people on Planet Showbiz gracefully wave goodbye to celebrity when their fame has faded?

The ranks of celebrities are clogged with cretinous specimens who spin out

agonisingly what tiny flash of notoriety once fleetingly came their way.

One need look no further than the horrific form of **Michelle Heaton** for a case study in how not to go about it.

What is she for? Precisely what purpose does she serve?

Granted, for a couple of years at the start of the century she was engaged in some form of gainful employment – as one fifth of Popstars losers

### Liberty X

Now though, with the band on a near-permanent break, we are still barraged with snaps of her with her arse hanging out at various awards ceremonies and pricey

West End clubs. And when not doing that, her orange frame can invariably be spotted on some tacky reality show or other. Her continued micro-celebrity is tawdry and tedious.

Frankly there is no decent reason why the minimally-talented Michelle doesn't just pack it all in.

Her 15 minutes of fame have long flown.

So here's a plea to her and others who reckon that being papped is a career option.

Do the decent thing for once in your sad little lives. Give us all a break.

Count your blessings and bugger off.

We've all had enough.



Picture: GETTY IMAGES

## MOSS IS A BIT OF A MESS

INCONTOVERTIBLE proof, then, that impressive caner **Kate Moss** has flaws just like the rest of us.

Quite a lot of them. All over her face.

The supermodel, who's currently tearing the arse out of it on a regular basis with the equally grimy **Pete Doherty**, looks like she's suffering from a moderate dose of acne. Which would be OK if she was 19, but she's 32. Shame.

**DO YOU THINK YOU KNOW SOMETHING I DON'T?**

STEPPING out with hard-drinking pop totty will take its toll on the sturdiest of souls, so with that in mind you find me in charge of the column again.

Our dear leader Joe has packed himself off to the Maldives for a little R&R before he plunges head-first into that dizzying, liver-destroying round of ever-so-exclusive Christmas bashes that clog up a celebrity columnist's calendar at this time of year.

I got a text from him the other day, as it happens, informing me he'd just spotted **Tom Cruise** and **Katie Holmes**. Whether they asked for his autograph wasn't made immediately clear.

**WRITTEN BY CARL STROUD**  
**APPRENTICE KNOW-IT-ALL**

## A lust cause

HE'S a smug old bugger that. **George Clooney**. Look at him. Wry grin plastered on that craggy face as he perches a crown on top of his silvery locks.

Those smouldering eyes, enough to turn any woman in a 400-mile radius into a hysterical mass of quivering lust. It's enough to make someone a little less self-assured as myself jealous. **Sexiest Man Alive?** Pah. He ain't all that.

F/A/O **Britney Spears**. Please, please buy some underwear. If I'm obliged to gaze at your lady garden one more time this week I will be forced to remove my eyes with spoons and I'm sure you wouldn't want that on your conscience, would you now? (Stop press: I see we've solved your problem – turn to Page 27.)

Picture: AP

## MOTT-O-METER

**Who's hot and who's not**

### Noel Gallagher

Noel Gallagher – I caught the Oasis axeman doing an acoustic show in town and was blown away.

**Sacha Baron Cohen** – Finally got round to seeing *Borat* and almost did myself a disservice laughing so heartily.



### Lindsay Lohan

Lindsay Lohan – sunk even lower than last week on the Mott-O-Meter with her people admitting she's undergoing treatment for alcohol addiction.

**Courtney Love** – the rock chick is in the process of relocating to London. Oh God, no...



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## CAN LOIF GET ANY BETTER?

WELCOME to what I hope will be an annual national event – the first **Which Westlife's Got The Fittest Partner?** contest.

It's the perfect alternative to a Sunday afternoon doze in front of *EastEnders*.

Do the blonde locks of **Shane Filan**'s wife **Gillian** float your boat (below right). Or is it **Nicky**'s wife **Georgina Aherne** (below left) suit?

What about the effervescent **Jodi Albert**, **Kian Egan**'s squeeze (above right).

For the more "exotic" members of the family what say you to **Mark Feehily**'s fella **Kevin McDaid** (above left)? Or I can offer you ex-lover **Brian McFadden**'s **Delta Goodrem** (below centre), for they joined the others at a charity bash at London's Roundhouse.

Literally minutes of fun for all the family.

## MOTT

LOOKS like venerable man band **Take That**, who've already thrilled us more than words can say with their money-spinning comeback tour, will find themselves with a No.1 album today.

I'd like to congratulate the lads for getting a collection of songs so tedious, so charmless and so uncharismatic to the top of the charts.

A tough job well done.

## SHOT

CONGRATULATIONS, TOO to jungle king **Matt Willis**.

In my day job on the Hot music column I've had cause to come across the former *Busted* geezer on many an occasion – and a nicer, more genuine and down-to-earth pop star you are unlikely to meet.



Picture: FILMAGIC/EMPIICS



BATTLER: Roddy Piper

## Roddy fights cancer

CELEBRITY. Wrestling star "Rowdy" Roddy Piper is grappling his biggest enemy – cancer.

The presenter of the ITV show has been diagnosed with lymphoma after medics removed a lump from his back.

He recently cut short appearances on a World Wrestling Entertainment UK tour because of agonising back pain.

Piper, 60, real name Roderick Toombs, said: "It seems like I have been fighting someone, something, some place, in some manner, my whole life."

### Rife

"But this fight is one I am gonna win."

He's previously told of how drug-taking is rife within the sport and said his wrestling career had been a 20-year cycle of booze, prescription pills and cocaine.

Piper also became one of the few professional grapplers to crack Hollywood when he starred in cult sci-fi film *They Live*, which, according to one survey, featured one of the top ten film fights of all time.

**POLICE** officers in Blackpool, Lancs, are parking a hired hearse and coffin outside pubs as part of their festive drink-driving campaign. At last orders, four policemen carry the coffin through the bar to remind revellers of the toll drunken motorists can cause.

## It soups you, sir

BRITONS have slurped their way through eight billion cans of Heinz Cream of Tomato Soup since its launch in 1910.

That means we have gone through enough cans to stretch along the Great Wall of China 95 times.

According to Heinz, the trail of empty cans would reach to the moon 2.28 times and the soup would take ten hours to flow down the River Thames.

### SEX LINE HORROR

A 14-YEAR-OLD Chinese boy has killed himself by drinking pesticide after running up a bill of £116 calling phone sex lines.



# We get the **BIG** TV exclusives

# SIN BAD SAILS

## But this time Mickey is thrilled to play a baddie



**IN THE BIG TIME:** Mickey Starke can't wait to begin the biggest break of his career on the Street

**EX-BROOKSIDE** star Mickey Starke is set to put the **SIN** and the **BAD** into Coronation Street.

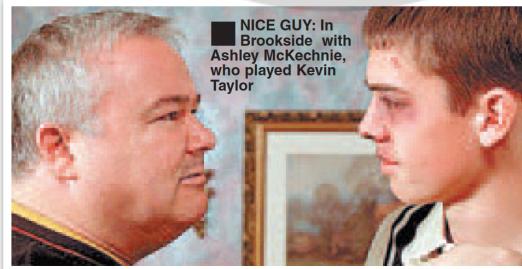
He has signed up to play the head of an evil new family in Weatherfield.

Mickey played nice guy Sinbad in Brookie for nearly two decades.

But now he's agreed to turn nasty for his biggest-ever telly role in a £95,000-a-year deal.

The 49-year-old will join early next year – and bring five wild kids and an ageing, troublesome grandad with him.

Corrie insiders say the clan, who move into Street bitch Tracy Barlow's old home, will be the worst-ever family to set foot on



**NICE GUY:** In Brookside with Ashley McKechnie, who played Kevin Taylor

the famous cobbles. And Liverpool-born Mickey, who is also a star of Heartbeat spin-off The Royal, is relishing his big chance.

A close pal told the Daily Star Sunday: "It's an absolute dream come true for Mickey to land this role on Corrie.

### Dodgy

"For years he played Sinbad who, despite his name, was a pretty laid-back, easy-going type of guy.

"Now Mickey has got the chance to be a bit nastier and very dodgy – and he can't wait."

Sources say bosses are building the rest of the family around Mickey's character and they will hit our screens early in the new year with a hard-hitting storyline.

"Let's just say Corrie fans won't

have seen anything like it," said a source. "This family will be absolutely awful and a huge shock to everyone on the Street."

"The kids will be the type who are always causing trouble and arguing."

"Mickey's character is their single dad but he'll be just as much trouble as his unruly kids."

"He has learned his bad habits from his own dad – who also moves in – but it will be Mickey's character who is the head of the family."

After leaving Brookside six years ago dad-of-two Mickey landed a role in Hollywood movie The 51st State, alongside A-listers Samuel L Jackson and Robert Carlyle.

But shortly afterwards the work dried up and for nearly a year he was jobless.

After being in Brookside for 16 years it came as a huge shock to suddenly be out of work.

Mickey says: "I was like, 'Oh God, what if I never work again?'

"I was tearing my hair out because it's hard not to think 'Nobody wants me, I must be cr\*p'."

### Drama

His luck turned when he landed the part of hapless handyman Ken Hopkins in ITV1 medical drama The Royal, four years ago.

And now he's got the chance to be part of Britain's best-watched and longest running soap.

His pal said: "To be a part of Coronation Street must be up there on every actor's wish list – and Mickey's no different."

"He loved his time on Brookside."

"But Coronation Street has five, six times the audience. He really can't wait!"

**Tracy's an iron lady**

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**SOAPER STAR**

# RED HOT FOR LUST ENDERS

**EASTENDERS** is set to become the sexiest soap on telly next year.

New boss Diederick Santer exclusively told the Daily Star Sunday there will be no shortage of sizzling love scenes in 2007.

And that means we could see more steamy action like the passionate romp between Grant Mitchell and Jane Collins.

The chrome-domed hardman (Ross Kemp) got to grips with Ian Beale's partner (Laurie Brett) on a desktop.

And Diederick said: "We've got some explosive stuff coming up.

"I've been really fortunate to have been given a strong cast and I'm looking at what to do with each character."

Joy Joyner, who plays Tanya Branning, said some of the racy action shocked even her.

She said: "It really is hot stuff. I sat open-mouthed at some of the scenes. But it's all fantastic and there will be lots more to come."

Young stars Rob Kazinsky

(Sean Slater), Lacey Turner (Stacey Slater), Kara Tointon (Dawn Swann) Kellie Shirley (Carly Wicks) and Tiana Benjamin (Chelsea Fox) are all set to spend the New Year leaping between the sheets.

And newcomer Elaine Tan's character Li Chong is lined up to have a steamy affair with cheeky market-seller Mickey Miller (Joe Swash).

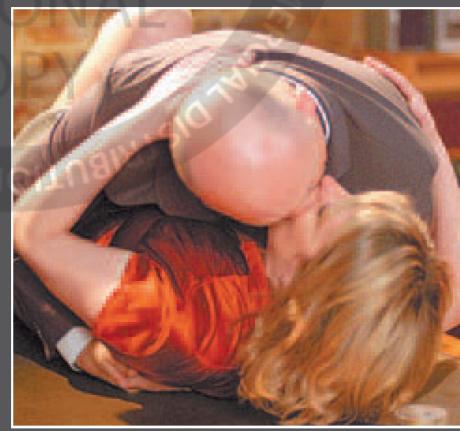
### Delight

Even roadsweeper Gus Smith is finally being lined up for some nookie – much to the delight of actor Mo George.

Mo said: "He really is the most under-sexed young man in soap.

"I've been in EastEnders now for nearly five years and the only bit of action I've seen has been with Sonia. You just have to feel sorry for him."

But Diederick said: "Some of them, like Gus, really haven't seen much action. Hopefully we can change all that."



ROMP: Grant and Jane get down to business on desk

We get the **BIG** TV exclusives

Drugs terror

## INTO CORRIE



NOT BRAD: Award-winner Bradley Walsh



**EXCELLENT FOUR-CAST:**  
Barbara Knox (Rita) leads the celebrations

## Quality Street

**CORONATION** Street has been named Best Soap at the TV Times Awards. And in another blow to their Albert Square rivals, Bradley Walsh scooped Favourite Soap Star – leaving EastEnders with nothing. It's the first time this year that Corrie has come out on top after EastEnders won the National Television Award for Best Serial Drama and was crowned Best Soap at both the British Soap and

by SUSAN HILL

Inside Soap Awards. But unlike those accolades, the TV Times Best Soap gong wasn't voted for by the public.

Instead the editor of the TV Times made the decision. But 46-year-old Bradley's gong was voted for by soap fans and he narrowly beat Barbara Windsor, who plays Peggy Mitchell in EastEnders, to win.

Bev Callard, who plays bubbly barmaid Liz McDonald, picked up the Best

Soap award on behalf of the cast. She said: "Everyone here is delighted with this award. It will be taking pride of place on the Rovers sideboard. Seriously, we're thrilled to be given such a prestigious award."

Bradley, whose final scenes as factory boss Danny Baldwin were screened last Friday, said: "I'm thrilled to win, so cheers to all the TV Times readers who voted for me."

"The award tops off the fantastic time that I've had on Coronation Street."

But it wasn't all bad news for the BBC. Dr Who walked away with the Favourite Show award and David Tennant, 35, was named Favourite Actor. He beat off competition from David Jason and Nigel Harman.

Other winners included Helen Mirren, 61, who won Favourite Actress, This Morning's Fern Britton, 39, (Favourite Daytime star) and Peter Kay, 33, (Favourite Funny Person).

Read about the awards in the latest TV Times, on sale now.



GREAT BRITTON: Fern Britton, left, and David Tennant were also among the telly winners

A NEW killer drug could sweep Britain because police are too busy chasing terrorists.

Meth is more addictive than heroin and more destructive than crack cocaine.

And it is feared we could face a meth epidemic.

The Met's Det Chief Insp Jason Ashwood warned: "Terrorism is top of the agenda in terms of policing demands. Drugs are not."

"But meth brings with it so many other problems. It is like no other drug."

## Lab

Methamphetamine can easily be produced using cold and flu remedies.

And last month police found Britain's biggest ever meth lab in Derbyshire – only the fourth ever uncovered.

DCI Ashwood added: "Most people can take cocaine, ecstasy and even heroin and manage their own habits. But meth is a different animal and that is a problem."

## PONG TURNING

VAN driver Herbert Meyer crashed in a ditch, overcome by the pong of strong cheese he was delivering in Bavaria, Germany.

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# FANCY A CRUISE?



**ALONE TIME:** Katie has insisted she and Tom, inset, have a new honeymoon without their best man

**It can't be worse than the first honeymoon**

**TOM Cruise and Katie Holmes will enjoy a second honeymoon alone - without the best man who went on their first "romantic" break.**

by MIKE PARKER in Los Angeles

\$15,000-a-night hideaway is a perfect haven for couples - and, according to a source, Holmes has insisted she and Cruise enjoy "alone time" without their usual entourage.

The source said: "Tom has been extremely close to David Miscavige for years but I think he now realises he needs to have some time on his own with Katie. "This will be the real honeymoon."

It is believed even seven-month-old daughter Suri will stay at home with her nanny and two of Cruise's sisters during the week-long break.

The star's entourage of bodyguards and helpers will be trimmed right back for the trip.

The source added: "They will have some personal protection. A bodyguard will keep an eye on them - but this time from a discreet distance."